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1. An Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) baker remarked on 4 April 1950 that 4,500 1,000-gram loaves of bread were baked daily for Soviet Air Force units.
2. Twelve jet fighters, about fifteen conventional fighters and four biplanes were standing at the Oranienburg airfield on 18 April 1950. Major Plusnin (fnu), political officer of the Oranienburg pilot troops, ordered some flowers from a nursery.
3. There was very little flying between 15 and 30 April 1950. The weather was bad except on 18 and 19 April 1950. The guard at the field was intensified on days when there was flying. The field was occupied by twenty jet fighters and eighteen single-engine fighters. It could not be observed whether other aircraft were in the hangar. Supplies were not seen. About twelve fuel containers have been recently dug in in the northeast corner of the field in an improvised manner. Aircraft could not be refueled there as the area was in bad condition.

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4. There was no night flying. Individual jet fighters made flights of up to 20 minutes and needed an about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -km strip for landing.

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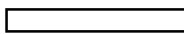
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5. The tank troops who previously occupied part of the air force barracks left their quarters between 24 and 26 April 1950.*

*  Comment. The  confirm the occupation of the airfield by jet aircraft and conventional fighters (according to previous observations of Yak-3 or Yak-9 types). The number of planes has not changed since March 1950. It is assumed the one fighter regiment is still stationed there. This regiment has been re-equipped with about twenty jet aircraft of type 14.

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